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PANAMA.

Deaths in the city of Panama during the years 1901, 1902, and 1903.

Consul-General Gudger reports, November 23, to the Department of State as follows:

In obedience to a verbal request made by Surgeon-General Wyman, of the U. S. Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, while I was in Washington City a few weeks ago, I have the honor to transmit through the Department for him a report of the deaths and the diseases causing same in the city of Panama for the years 1901, 1902, and 1903.

[Inclosure.]

Synopsis of deaths occurring in the city of Panama during the years 1901 to 1903.

Disease.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Deaths during the year 1901	81	48	64	72	70	95	108	119	125	115	150	153	1,201
Yellow fever	4	1	2	2		1	1						11
Smallpox			1	4	4	3	13	15	19	17	25	20	121
Typhoid fever	9	7	8	6	6	7	7	12	18	15	12	14	121
Tuberculosis	13	3	6	6	6	9	12	9	11	14	17	14	120
Beriberi	2	3	1	2	2		1		4	6	5	10	36
Dysentery	10	2	2	5	5	4	13	7	8	2	7	10	75
Deaths during the year 1902	138	127	136	126	133	232	281	202	215	302	240	247	2,379
Yellow fever				4	2	14	33	28	14	38	30	19	182
Smallpox	40	43	46	20	17	3	4	2				1	176
Typhoid fever	7	8	9	5	6	10	15	10	12	20	12	4	118
Tuberculosis	5	18	10	12	12	14	12	16	15	15	15	10	154
Beriberi	2	2	1	5	1	3	1	2	2	14	11	8	52
Dysentery	9	3	9	15	29	47	49	31	37	26	13	22	290
Deaths during the year 1903	201	123	118	62	94	98	107	117	99	125			1,144
Yellow fever	10	7	5	1	3	3	4	11	3	1			48
Tuberculosis	1				1	3			1	1			7
Beriberi	4	4	3	2		5	3	4	3	3			31
Dysentery	20	16	8	4	11	8	10	11	12	10			110
.....	3	1	5	1	2		4	4	6	19			45
.....	12	13	11	3	11	8	7	6	2	3			76

It will be remembered that during the period comprised in this report there has been in progress an internal war. The soldiers, many in number, sent from higher altitudes have died. This has greatly swelled the death rate.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Quarantinable diseases in Manila—Vaccination—Cholera in the provincial towns.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, October 24 and 30, as follows:

The number of quarantinable diseases reported in Manila during the week ended October 17, 1903, is as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Cholera	37	35
Smallpox	0	0
Plague	1	1

Week ended October 24, 1903:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Cholera	23	22
Smallpox	1	0
Plague	2	1

The systematic vaccination of the crews of vessels that enter the ports of the islands under the jurisdiction of this Service was commenced September 16, 1903. The work is progressing very favorably and meets with very little opposition. In order that the vaccination may be thorough, the system as used by some of the Canadian quarantine officers has been adopted.

Upon the arrival of a vessel the crew is vaccinated, and each person so treated is given a red card upon which appears the name of the individual, the date, the name of the vessel, and the words "first vaccination." At a subsequent time the vaccination is inspected, and if it has been successful the red card is taken up and a blue one is issued, which exempts the holder from further vaccination. If the vaccination was not successful, the individual is revaccinated and a white card is issued, upon which appear the words "second vaccination." Subsequently the holder of the white card is inspected, and if he has been successfully vaccinated a blue card is issued. If unsuccessful he is again vaccinated. If this prove successful he is given the ordinary blue card; if unsuccessful, a blue card with the figure "3" written upon it. When persons with the latter card are found at future inspections it will indicate to the inspector that the individual was vaccinated three times unsuccessfully and that further attempts would probably be useless.

In addition to the crews, all steerage passengers from foreign ports are also vaccinated unless they present evidence of recent successful vaccination.

The vessels arriving from Japan during the past few weeks have brought large numbers of Japanese steerage passengers destined for the Philippines. In addition to the regular quarantine inspection, they are also inspected in accordance with the medical provisions of the United States immigration laws. A number of cases of trachoma were detected.

Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands for the week ended October 17, 1903.

Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Neuva Caceres	Camarines Sur.....	0	1
Polo	Bulacan	5	3
Bulacan	do	3	1
San Isidro	Nueva Ecija.....	0	1
Cabanatuan	do	2	2
Bongabon	do	3	2
Orani	Bataan	41	26
Dinalupijan	do	4	4
Balanga	do	5	3
Orion	do	5	1
Mataban	do	1	1
Llana Hermosa	do	1	1
Peña Blanca	Cagayan	1	1
Montalbon	Rizal	3	3
Bacoor	Cavite	2	2
Naic	do	1	1
Santa Cruz	Laguna	2	1
Victoria	Tarlac	4	2
Agoo	Union	12	10
Santo Tomas	do	6	6
Guinayangan	Tayabas	5	5
Tanauan	Batangas	3	3
Talisay	do	4	4
Ilogan	Isabela	17	5
Tumauini	do	3	3
Botolan	Zambales	4	2
Ginatlisan	Island of Cebu	1	1
Samboan	do	15	15

Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands for the week ended October 17, 1903—Continued.

Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Tagbilaran	Island of Bohol	12	6
Iloilo	Island of Panay:		
Capiz	Province of Iloilo	16	14
Calivo	Province of Capiz	1	1
Pandan	Do	11	7
Antique	Province of Antique	14	14
Colasi	Do	4	4
Barboza	Do	6	1
Ginigaran	Do	17	13
Bacolod	Island of Negros	61	56
Talisay	do	25	25
Victorias	do	2	2
Sumag	do	2	1
Saravia	do	2	2
San Carlos	do	5	5
San Carlos	do	1	1
Total		332	262

Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands for the week ended October 24, 1903.

Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bocaue	Bulacan	2	2
San Isidro	Nueva Ecija	3	3
Bongabon	do	4	2
Orani	Bataan	22	14
Balanga	do	15	11
Orion	do	14	8
Llana Hermosa	do	1	1
Aparri	Cagayan	3	1
Tuguegarao	do	30	13
Buguey	do	5	5
Bacoor	Cavite	3	3
Masmarinas	do	1	1
Victoria	Tarlac	17	16
Tarlac	do	1	2
Pura	do	3	3
Santa Ignacia	do	1	1
Santo Tomas	Union	9	9
Subic	Zambales	2	1
Carcar	Island of Cebu	550	474
Bogo	do	65	45
Badian	do	9	5
Opon	do	1	1
Balamban	do	65	65
Danao	do	9	9
Mandaue	do	2	2
Aloguinsan	do	25	18
Tabogon	do	20	11
Borbon	do	20	12
Boljoon	do	57	57
Toledo	do	6	4
Osloc	do	8	8
Dumanjug	do	279	232
San Francisco	do	30	30
Tagbilaran	Island of Bohol	12	11
Iloilo	Island of Panay:		
Barbaza	Province of Iloilo	5	4
Pandan	Province of Antique	1	1
Ginigaran	Do	8	7
Talisay	Island of Negros	33	19
Victorias	do	4	2
Saravia	do	2	2
Bulupanadan	do	11	11
Surigao	do	2	1
Surigao	Island of Mindanao: Province of Surigao	9	4
Total		1,368	1,122